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IN HIS GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT ON OCTOBER 8 FIJI
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GANILAU, IN THE CONTEXT OF HIS REMARKS
ON DISARMAMENT, CITED THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM COMMUNIQUE
OF 3 JULY 1975 AS THE BASIS FOR THE NEW ZEALAND AND FIJI
INITIATIVE FOR THE INSCRIPTION OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR
WEAPONS FREE ZONE RESOLUTION AND MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS
ABOUT THE INITIATIVE:

AS MY COLLEAGUE HONOURABLE J.A. WALDING, ASSOCIATE
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF NEW ZEALAND, HAS ALREADY
EXPLAINED FROM THIS ROSTRUM, AT THIS STAGE WE ARE MERELY
SEEKING AN ENDORSEMENT BY ASSEMBLY OF IDEA OF ESTABLISHMENT
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OF A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE IN SOUTH PACIFIC.

IN ORDER TO FIND WAYS AND MEANS TO IMPLEMENT THIS IDEA,
ASSEMBLY WOULD INVITE ALL COUNTRIES CONCERNED, INCLUDING
NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES, TO UNDERTAKE NECESSARY CONSULTATIONS
ON MORE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WHICH MUST OBVIOUSLY FOLLOW.

I SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT IT IS NOT INTENTION OF MY
GOVT TO DEPRIVE ANY STATE, AGAINST ITS WILL, OF ITS RIGHT
TO FREE AND UNIMPEDED PASSAGE IN HIGH SEAS OR RIGHT OF
INNOCENT PASSAGE IN OTHER WATERS. BUT WE WILL VIGOROUSLY
OPPOSE ANY EMPLACEMENT OR TESTING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WITHIN
TERRITORIES IN SOUTH PACIFIC REGION.

IT IS HOPE OF MY GOVT THAT THIS ASSEMBLY WILL FIND IT
POSSIBLE TO ENDORSE PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN DRAFT RES SUBMITTED
BY DEL OF NEW ZEALAND AND FIJI. IN DOING SO ASSEMBLY WOULD
BE RECOGNIZING MODEST CONTRIBUTION OF SOUTH PACIFIC
FORUM TOWARDS GOAL OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT.

IT IS AN INITIATIVE THAT IS MOTIVATED BY A GENUINE DESIRE
OF OUR PEOPLES FOR AN INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY IN WHICH EVERY
INDIVIDUAL IS ASSURED OF HIS OWN SURVIVAL. THERE CAN BE NO
PERMANENT PEACE WHEN WORLD IS FACED WITH NIGHTMARE OF NUCLEAR
PROLIFERATION AND SELF-DESTRUCTION. AT A TIME WHEN ALL OF
US ARE AGREED ON NEED FOR A JUST INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL ORDER, REAL PROGRESS CAN BE ACHIEVED ONLY
WHEN WE ALL ACCEPT FACT THAT BASIS FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONSHIP IS MUTUAL SELF-RESPECT, SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING
AND CO-OPERATION.

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